

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes Fig. 1-5. There are no corrections.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 26, 2006. Claims 17-40 are presented for examination. Claim 17, 19, 27, 29, 33, 35, 38 and 40 and have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the Doctrine of Equivalence.

Drawings

In this Amendment, Applicant has submitted formal drawings to overcome the Examiner's objection that some hand-written reference numerals were confusing.

Claim Rejections

Claims 17-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukuda, et al. (USPN 6,930,987, "Fukuda").

In independent claims 17, 27, 33, and 38, Applicant claims "activating an idle storage device in a computer system to transfer data [to the storage device] while a main processor of the computer [system] remains idle."

Fukuda discloses that the radio communication CPU is in a communication idle mode. Upon receiving a control packet from the host CPU, the radio communication CPU shifts from the communication idle mode to a "IN transaction mode", in which user data from the host CPU can be transmitted to the radio communication CPU.

Thus, Fukuda discloses transferring data by awakening the radio communication CPU. Therefore, Fukuda does not teach or suggest activating an idle storage device while a main processor remains idle, as claimed.

As such, Fukuda does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of, and therefore, does not anticipate independent claims 17, 27, 33, and 38, and associated dependent claims.

Conclusion

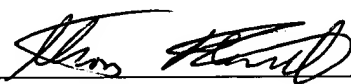
It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the rejections and objections have been overcome. A petition for an extension of time is submitted with this amendment. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Tom Ferrill at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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